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SUBJECT: ECS – SEEDING CERTIFICATION

Purpose: To transmit revised Indiana policy on Seeding Certification.

Effective date: When received.

Summary: This revised policy replaces the prior policy concerning certification of vegetation plantings issued in January, 2007.

Plantings that occur within the established planting dates may be certified upon completion and when any other required documentation is delivered to NRCS.

Variations to the vegetative planting dates in the technical standards in Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) will still not be granted. If producers seed outside of the established **spring** planting dates, NRCS will not certify the practice as meeting standards until the vegetation is sufficiently growing (as determined by the *Agronomy Technical Note: Guidelines for Herbaceous Stand Evaluation* or applicable FOTG Standard) to document that the practice was successfully established, and future weather and site conditions are conducive to stand development. If producers seed outside of the established **fall/summer** planting dates, NRCS will not certify the practice as meeting standards until the next growing season to document that the practice was successfully established (using the *Agronomy Technical Note: Guidelines for Herbaceous Stand Evaluation* or applicable FOTG Standard). In both of these cases, the producer will be responsible for any necessary corrective measures.

Filing instructions: This revised policy will be maintained electronically in the Indiana Directives, General Manual, accessible through the NRCS Indiana home page.

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